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In re U.S. Patent Application of )

YASUDA et al. )

Art Unit 2162

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Total Claims	21	20	2 (Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	4	4	3 (Over 3)	x \$210	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$370	0
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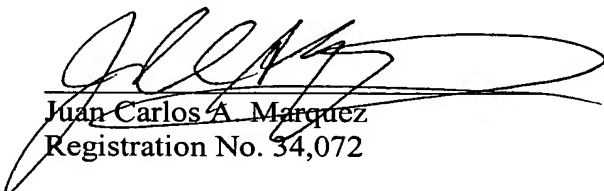
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[ ] Substitute Specification  
[ ] Preliminary Amendment  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 11, 2007, the period of response to which is set to expire on December 11, 2007. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: